Sustainability Committee Minutes of Virtual Meeting February 8, 2023

Present: Susannah Everett, Bill Lennon, Matt Lisy, Josh Walters, Peter Millman, Jessica LeClair (guest), Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by acting chairperson Everett.

Members introduced themselves to Jessica LeClair.

On a motion by Lisy/Millman, the January 11, 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

Jessica LeClair from Sustainable CT shared slides on the requirements to receive gold certification, a strategy that the Town could use to achieve gold certification by 2025 and free resources available to the Town. In order to achieve gold certification, a town needs to complete 4 equity toolkits and all actions in the Inclusive and Equitable Community Impacts category, achieve climate leader designation, collaborate with other municipalities on an action, complete at least one action in categories 2 through 12 with actions totaling 750 points. As a strategy, LeClair suggested looking at the 2022 silver certification report to identify which actions will be eligible for rolling credits in 2025. From there, identify what other certification requirements are still needed. She stated that Sustainable CT has an available intern who could work with the Committee in identifying rolling credits and performing a gap analysis. Members were interested in enlisting the interns help. LeClair will connect the intern with Walton. This information will be reported back to the Committee at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton